

ANN LANDERS



More Than Decency

Dear Ann Landers: Your reply to D. J. was ridiculous. It was also dangerous. That column is sure to be clipped and carried in the wallet of every alley cat in the country. You really gave them the green light when you said, "Unless a boy uses chloroform or a lead pipe the girl is responsible for whatever happens to her."

For twenty years I have been a house mother in a home for unwed mothers. These girls are victims of a weapon far more deadly than chloroform or a lead pipe. They were done in by sweet words of love and empty promises.

It's high time parents taught their sons that girls are not playthings to be used for pleasure, then cast aside if something goes wrong. Every young man should be taught that a decent boy is responsible for his girl.

When your column was passed around in the home today several of the expectant mothers became depressed because you placed all the blame on them. This letter is to let you know that I am canceling the subscription of the newspaper that prints your column. — MT. CARMEL, PENNA., HOUSE MOTHER

Dear House Mother: Thank you for expressing your point of view. Since you've canceled your subscription, I hope someone shows you my reply.

You are right when you say a decent boy should be responsible for his girl. But not all boys are decent. Moreover, out-of-wedlock pregnancies involve more than decency. There are such factors as permissive parents, sexy movies, liquor, unchaperoned parties, midnight beach blasts, and going steady.

Most 16-year-old boys are not thinking about love and marriage. They are thinking about sex. The juices are flowing and they are out looking. The girl is indeed responsible for whatever happens to her because unfortunately, many boys will take whatever they can talk a girl into. She'd better know it and conduct herself accordingly.

Dear Ann Landers: Our nine-year-old daughter entered a coloring contest—not once but several times. She gave the names and addresses of five friends in an effort to win at least one of the prizes. She signed her cousin Wendy's name to one of the pictures and it won first place. The prize was \$100 and a TV appearance.

When Wendy's mother called to tell us about the mysterious windfall, I suspected what had happened and I confronted Debbie. She admitted signing Wendy's name. I told her the whole thing was dishonest, that she could not accept the money and that she certainly could not appear on TV as somebody else. Wendy's parents insist that their daughter is entitled to the money because her name is on the check.

Debbie has been eating off the mantle for two days. I have let her know she did a terrible thing. But is she really wrong to be mad about her cousin taking the prize money? I've made it clear to Debbie that she can't have it, and I want it to go to charity. What do you think?—HOLLYWOOD

Dear Hollywood: Debbie should tell the officials she faked the signature and ask them to donate the check to charity. They might solve the problem for you by canceling payment on the check.

No teenager is as confident as he appears. Get clued in. Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 35¢ in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The Press-Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1968, Publishers Newspaper Syndicate

COSTS ARE HIGH

Future of Clean-up Days Event in Doubt

Costs of the citywide Clean-up Days program, inaugurated on a semi-annual basis in May, could force curtailment of the program. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro has indicated.

The program, however, has been hailed by both city officials and residents as a "great success."

In a report on the October Clean-up Days, Walter M. Nollac, director of public works, said total cost of the program was about \$20,000. More than 825 tons of rubbish—items not normally

picked up by city crews—was collected during the year. Nollac reported.

Costs represent a 4 per cent increase over the normal rubbish collection operation, he said, and are equal to a six-cent increase in the monthly rubbish bill—about 72 cents per year for each household in the city.

Nollac said the service, which was authorized by the City Council last April, is "of great benefit to the city" and was appreciated by residents throughout the city.

Ferraro noted the program was an "outstanding success," but said costs were substantially greater than anticipated. "For that reason," Ferraro said, "serious consideration must be given to the continuation of the program."

Enrolls at Brown

Stephen Thornadyke Turner, son of Mrs. Constance M. Turner of 2850 Onrado St., has enrolled in the freshman class at Brown University, Providence, R.I. Turner is a 1968 graduate of Torrance High School.



FOR DRILL TEAM . . . Francis Brannon, treasurer of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club, presents pompons to Sherrie Schell and Pattie Sheehan of South High's Spartanette Drill Team. The club donated funds to buy pompons for the 41 girls who are members of the drill team. Miss Patricia McVeigh, a teacher at South High, is sponsor of the drill team.

Officers To Patrol Centers

Special units of the Torrance Police Department will be assigned to patrol the Del Amo and Fashion Square shopping centers during the holiday shopping period, Walter R. Koenig, chief of police, said today.

The special police units will patrol for criminal activity, enforce traffic laws, and maintain strict traffic control in the area surrounding the two centers, Chief Koenig explained.

Most driveways bordering the centers will be restricted to right turns only, the chief explained.

In addition, Chief Koenig offered the following suggestions for shoppers:

- Shop early and avoid the last-innate rush.
- Lock all doors and windows when leaving your vehicle unattended. It is against the law to leave small children in a locked vehicle, Koenig said.
- Don't leave gifts or other items in plain view within the vehicle; put them in the trunk when possible.
- Maintain close control over small children. Many hours were spent by police officers last year looking for lost children, Koenig said.
- Report any suspicious person or activity to police officers at the centers, or to the police department by calling 328-3456.

• Drive and walk safely and obey all traffic laws, both as a driver and as a pedestrian. All traffic laws will be strictly enforced, the chief said.



PAUL A. GOODWIN Wins Training Honors

Training Wins Honors For Marine

Marine Pfc. Paul A. Goodwin III has been awarded a Dress Blue uniform for having been selected "Platoon Honor man" and "Series Honor man" while displaying traits of outstanding leadership, unswerving loyalty, and diligent performance of duty while undergoing training as a Marine recruit.

Now on active duty, Goodwin was a member of the 3rd Air-Naval Gunfire Liaison Company assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Long Beach. He is a Torrance High School graduate.

A platoon book will be presented to the Torrance High School library, telling of Goodwin's accomplishments. His mother, Mrs. Paul A. Goodwin Jr., lives at 1122 Felbar Ave.

Chamber Appoints Director

Appointment of Harry A. Croft, long-time resident and civic leader in Redondo Beach, as membership director for the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce has been announced by Corwin H. Eberling Jr., president of the chamber.

Croft will work with Alice Quiros, chairman of the membership committee, in handling member relations.

Now 56, Croft was born in Lumberton, N.C., and attended public schools in that state. He was graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina.

A resident of Redondo Beach for more than 35 years, Croft is a past president of the Palos Verdes Golf Club and a past president of U.S. Steel's Management Club. He retired recently from U.S. Steel's Torrance Works, where he was employed for 33 years.

A member of the Redondo Beach Elks Club for 23 years, he is a former member of the Redondo Beach Parks and Recreation Commission.

Croft and his wife, Ruth, a teacher at Hillcrest School in Redondo Beach, reside at 529 S. Gertruda St., Redondo Beach. They have two children.

Order Jets

Purchase of two Douglas DC-8 Super 63F convertible passenger-cargo jetliners by Trans International Airlines has been announced. The jetliners, to cost about \$10 million each, will be delivered in the summer of 1968 and spring of 1969.

COUNT MARCO

Why Can't Women Hold Liquor?

Well, I have seen it again, as I see it so many times—the spectacle of a woman, loaded with drink, making herself obnoxious in public.

When will you learn, you women who don't know when to stop, that as your alcohol intake goes up, your femininity goes down.

Your voices get shrill and sharp, your make-up gets messy, your walk gets apeline instead of dainty — but why go on? If you ever look at yourself in the mirror, you know what I am talking about.

The particular case that has me in such outrage took place in an entertainment spot where people gather to sip quietly and with restraint, chat quietly and listen to good jazz.

Into this pleasant scene intruded a Thing that might have been a woman in sob-

erer moments. Her clothing consisted of tight pants and blouse, and blowsy was the word for her.

She was raucous, vulgar and uninhibited. She used language that made hard-headed men ashamed to be in the same room with her.

She invited strangers to dance, in a place where there is no dancing. She belted up to the bar like a lumberjack, pushing between two quiet men seated there; and if there had been a vacant bar stool I'm sure she would have sat down on it, overlapping it half a foot or so on each side.

She demanded her drink loudly; demanded loudly that the musicians play pieces that, had she listened, she would have known were not their sort of tune; what she really demanded was assassination, but no one in the

room was willing to rid the earth of this menace to humanity.

I never did find out whether she was escorted; if there was a man with her he probably was shrinking in a corner, trying to look as if he'd never seen her in his life.

But I had had enough, so I left, to seek quieter surroundings in which to meditate on this disturbing influence.

Is it loneliness or just a need for attention that drives women to the insecurity of the neighborhood bar, there to shed the last vestiges of their dignity and self-respect?

And there is the keynote, the reason I worry about you bar-stool-sitting women who should know better: For until you learn to live in dignity, in self-respect, no man will respect you either.

Panel to Discuss Behavior Patterns

A panel of seven experts on children will discuss behavior techniques in a program to be presented Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Arnold School Cafeteria, 4100 W. 227th St.

"Behavior Has Many Meanings" will be the topic. The panel will probe applications of behavior modification techniques with the normal child, the mentally retarded child, the emotionally disturbed child, the neurologically impaired child, and children with learning disabilities.

Panelists will include: Dr. Rita

Rogers, M. D., psychiatrist, Harbor General Hospital; Dr. Janet Switzer, director of the South Bay Center for Educational Therapy; Charles Mahan, psychologist, Torrance Unified School District; Miss Wanda Mitchell, high school director, Torrance YMCA; Rev. Frances Rath, Seaside United Church of Christ; Mrs. May Harris, basic skills teacher for the Torrance Unified School District, and Lt. Thomas Lloyd, Torrance Police Department.

The program is open to the public. There will be no admission charge.

Your Second Front Page

Press-Herald

NOVEMBER 16, 1966

C-1



SELECT WINNERS . . . Judges for the South Bay Camera Club's annual contest examine entries in the contest to select prize winners. Judges are (from left) Lester Lauch of Torrance, Vera Grubel, also a Torrance resident, and Dr. Don Hustman of Anaheim. "To Morning Meditations," a photograph by Ronnie Weber, was selected as the top prize winner.

Assessor's Aide Sets NAA Talk

Chief deputy assessor of Los Angeles County James R. Vine will address members of the Palos Verdes-Torrance chapter of the National Association of Accountants (NAA) at a monthly technical session Tuesday.

Vine will speak at 8 p.m. at Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., according to James Middleton, chairman of the event.

Methods which are used in the selection of properties for a detailed re-appraisal each year will be the subject of Vine's address. He also will discuss the methods used in appraising real property and answer questions from the chapter should contact Middleton at Felkner Manufacturing Co. for reservations.

Non-members of the NAA turing Co. for reservations.

Social Security Office to Be Closed Thanksgiving Eve

Miles Davis, District Manager of the Torrance Social Security Office, announced today that the office will not be open on Wednesday, Nov. 23, after 4:30 p.m.

For several months the office has been open to the public on Wednesday evenings until 8:30 p.m. as a service to those who could not conveniently visit the office during the regular working hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Davis stated that the office will resume being open on Wednesday evenings until 8:30 on Nov. 30, but because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 24 it will not be open after 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23.